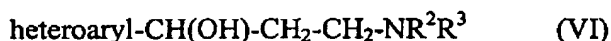


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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 11, line 18, through page 14, line 2, as follows:

The process according to the invention is furthermore suitable, in particular, as step a) in a process for preparing enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (VI),



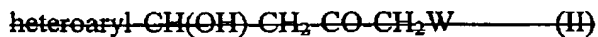
in which

heteroaryl has the same meaning as that given under formula (I), and

R^2 and R^3 are, in each case independently of each other, hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{14}\text{-aryl}$ or $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{15}\text{-arylalkyl}$, or the two radicals R^2 and R^3 are together $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{12}\text{-alkylene}$, which is characterized in that

in a step a),

compounds of the formula (I) are converted, as previously described, into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (II)



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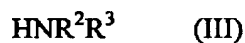
where, in each case,

heteroaryl and W have the meanings mentioned under formula (I), and

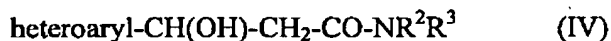
in a step b)

- i) when W is COOR¹ and R¹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₄-C₁₀-aryl or C₅-C₁₁-arylalkyl,

the enantiomer-enriched compounds of formula (II) are reacted with amines of the formula (III)



in which R² and R³ have the meaning mentioned under formula (VI), to give enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV),

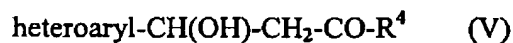


in which heteroaryl, R² and R³ have the previously mentioned meanings, or

- ii) when W is $\text{CON}(\text{R}^1)_2$ and the R^1 radicals are in each case, independently of each other, hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_4 - C_{10} -aryl or C_5 - C_{11} -arylalkyl, or the two R^1 radicals are together C_3 - C_5 -alkylene,

the enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (II) are converted, where appropriate by reacting with amines of the formula (III), into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV), and

- iii) when W is CN, the compounds of the formula (II) are converted directly, by means of aminolysis/hydrolysis, into compounds of the formula (IV), or are initially converted, by means of hydrolysis, partial hydrolysis or mixed alcoholysis/hydrolysis, into compounds of the formula (V)



in which heteroaryl has the meaning given under formula (I)

and R^4 is OR^1 or NH_2 , where R^1 has the abovementioned meaning, and

are then converted, by amidation in analogy with i) or, where appropriate, in analogy with ii), into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV), and

in a step c),

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the enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV) are converted, by means of reduction, into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV) having the abovementioned meaning.

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